

# *Fagraea ceilanica* Thunb.

**Family** : Gentianaceae

**Parts Used** : Whole plant

**Vernacular Names**

English : Fagraea

Malayalam : Modakam, Omal, Vellarimodakam



**Distribution and Habitat:** Found throughout Kerala, Indo- Malasia

**Botany:** Shrub to small tree, epiphytic when young. Bark greyish-brown, rough, cracked.

• **Leaves:** 12.7-25.4cm x 7.6-15.2 cm, obovate-oval, tapering to base, rounded at apex, glabrous, dark green and shining above, paler beneath.

• **Flowers:** Cream coloured, 7.6-10.2 cm long, in trichotomous cymes. Corolla lobes less than half as long as tube recurved.

• **Fruit:** 3.8-5 cm, ovoid, apiculate, smooth, shining; seeds many, dark brown, ovoid. It flowers and fruits at all times.

**Properties:** Antipyretic, anti-oxidant, antibacterial

**Chemical constituents:** Saponins, flavanoids, sterols. scopoletin is present in bark.

**Propagation:** stem cuttings

